



BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES 18-007

1:30 p.m.

Monday, September 17, 2018

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillors J. Farr, M. Green, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson, T. Anderson, T. Whitehead, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, R. Pasuta and J. Partridge

**Absent with
regrets:** Councillors A. Johnson and D. Conley – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Vaccine Program Review (BOH18022) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Pearson/Partridge)

That Report BOH18022, respecting a Vaccine Program Review, be received.

CARRIED

**2. Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Semi-Annual Report (BOH18028)
(City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

(Pearson/Partridge)

That Report BOH18028, respecting an Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Semi-Annual Report, be received.

CARRIED

**3. 2018 Annual Service Plan & Budget Performance Report (Q1 & Q2) (BOH18029)
(City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

(Pearson/Partridge)

That Report BOH18029, respecting the 2018 Annual Service Plan & Budget Performance Report (Q1 & Q2), be received.

CARRIED

4. Ontario Public Health Standards Transparency Framework (BOH18030) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Pearson/Partridge)

That Report BOH18030, respecting an Ontario Public Health Standards Transparency Framework, be received.

CARRIED

5. Board of Health Self-Evaluation Results (BOH18011(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

(Whitehead/Anderson)

That Report BOH 18011(a), Board of Health Self-Evaluation Results, be received and referred to the Governance Review Sub-committee to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair for the Board of Health for a 1 year period, on an on-going basis.

CARRIED

6. Supervised Consumption Sites (Added Item 6.1)

(Farr/Merulla)

WHEREAS, Supervised Consumption Sites (SCS) have a proven track record as a harm reduction measure

WHEREAS, Supervised Consumption Sites are a proven investment with respect to both saving lives and 14 million dollars in health costs over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Health has historically overwhelmingly supported Safe consumption sites in the City of Hamilton where there are currently many unsafe consumption sites in our parks and public places, and where deaths due to addiction are far greater than the Provincial average;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

- (a) That the Board of Health reaffirm support for Supervised Consumption Sites in Hamilton;
- (b) That a letter be sent to the Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, expressing both the Board of Health's support for Supervised Consumption Sites and the business case for Supervised Consumption Sites, signed by each of the Councillors; and
- (c) That a letter be sent to the Federal Minister of Health, reaffirming our support of Supervised Consumption Sites and any associated applications for a permanent Supervised Consumption Sites facility in the City of Hamilton.

CARRIED

7. A Public Health Strategy for Non-Medical Cannabis (BOH18031) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Whitehead/Anderson)

That Report BOH18031, respecting A Public Health Strategy for Non-Medical Cannabis, be received.

CARRIED

8. Public Health Risk Management Plan (BOH18032) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Whitehead/Pearson)

(a) That Appendix A to Report BOH18032 Public Health 2019 Risk Management Plan, be approved; and,

(b) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to submit Appendix A Public Health 2019 Risk Management Plan to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to fulfil risk reporting requirements.

CARRIED

9. Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Services and Hamilton Health Sciences Addiction Initiative (BOH18034) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Whitehead/Farr)

(a) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to receive, utilize and report on funding from Hamilton Health Sciences for up to a 1.2 FTE social work position in the Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services program, and enter into an agreement between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Health Sciences for an ongoing addiction position, satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor; and,

(b) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to increase the complement in Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services program by 1.2 FTE, for the term of the agreement and the time of renewal.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence from Iris M. Balodis, Assistant Professor, DeGroote School of Medicine, respecting funding for a knowledge translation project in the area of problem gambling, with the Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research (Added Item 11.1)

(Farr/Whitehead)

(a) That the Correspondence from Iris M. Balodis, Assistant Professor, DeGroote School of Medicine, respecting funding for a knowledge translation project in the area of problem gambling, with the Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research, be received; and

(b) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to accept the funding and enter into any related agreements with the Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research.

CARRIED

11. **Correspondence from the City of Toronto, Board of Health, respecting "A Public Approach to Drug Policy" (Item HL28.2) (Added Item 11.2)**

(Partridge/B. Johnson)

That the Correspondence from the City of Toronto, Board of Health, respecting "A Public Approach to Drug Policy" (Item HL28.2) be received, with a report back from staff in Q1 2019.

CARRIED

12. **Correspondence from the City of Toronto, Board of Health, respecting a Student Nutrition Program: Impact of Municipal Plan 2013-2018 (Item HL28.5) (Added Item 11.3)**

(Anderson/Green)

That the Correspondence from the City of Toronto, Board of Health, respecting a Student Nutrition Program: Impact of Municipal Plan 2013-2018 (Item HL28.5), be received.

CARRIED

13. **Correspondence from the City of Toronto, Board of Health, respecting the Toronto Overdose Action Plan: Status Report 2018 (Item HL27.1) (Added Item 11.4)**

(Anderson/Green)

That the Correspondence from the City of Toronto, Board of Health, respecting the Toronto Overdose Action Plan: Status Report 2018 (Item HL27.1), be received.

CARRIED

14. **Correspondence from Henry Clarke, Chair, Board of Health, City of Peterborough, respecting the Ontario Basic Income Pilot Project (Added Item 11.5)**

(Partridge/B. Johnson)

That the Correspondence from Henry Clarke, Chair, Board of Health, City of Peterborough, respecting the Ontario Basic Income Pilot Project, be received.

CARRIED

15. **Correspondence from Rene Lapierre, Chair, Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury and Districts, respecting the Ontario Basic Income Research Project and the Reduction in the Scheduled Social Assistance Rate Increase (Added Item 11.6)**

(Partridge/B. Johnson)

That the Correspondence from Rene Lapierre, Chair, Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury and Districts, respecting the Ontario Basic Income Research Project and the Reduction in the Scheduled Social Assistance Rate Increase, be received.

CARRIED

16. **Correspondence from Scott Warnock, Chair, Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, respecting the Canadian Public Health Association 2017 Position Statement regarding the decriminalization of illicit psychoactive substances (Added Item 11.7)**

(Pearson/Whitehead)

That the Correspondence from Scott Warnock, Chair, Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, respecting the Canadian Public Health Association 2017 Position Statement regarding the decriminalization of illicit psychoactive substances, be received, with a report back from staff in Q1 2019.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised the Board of the following changes:

1. **ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 4.1 Shannon Brent, McMaster Medical School Students, respecting Supervised Consumption Sites

2. **ADDED GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.1 Correspondence from Iris M. Balodis, Assistant Professor, DeGroote School of Medicine, respecting funding for a knowledge translation project in the area of problem gambling, with the Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research

Recommendation: That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to accept the funding and enter into any related agreements with the Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research.

- 11.2 Correspondence from the City of Toronto, Board of Health, respecting "A Public Approach to Drug Policy" (Item HL28.2)

Recommendation: Recommendation: Be received, with a report back from staff in Q1 2019

- 11.3 Correspondence from the City of Toronto, Board of Health, respecting a Student Nutrition Program: Impact of Municipal Plan 2013-2018 (Item HL28.5)

Recommendation: Be received.

- 11.4 Correspondence from the City of Toronto, Board of Health, respecting the Toronto Overdose Action Plan: Status Report 2018 (Item HL27.1)

Recommendation: Be received.

- 11.5 Correspondence from Henry Clarke, Chair, Board of Health, City of Peterborough, respecting the Ontario Basic Income Pilot Project

Recommendation: Be received.

- 11.6 Correspondence from Rene Lapierre, Chair, Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury and Districts, respecting the Ontario Basic Income Research Project and the Reduction in the Scheduled Social Assistance Rate Increase

Recommendation: Be received.

- 11.7 Correspondence from Scott Warnock, Chair, Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, respecting the Canadian Public Health Association 2017 Position Statement regarding the decriminalization of illicit psychoactive substances

Recommendation: Be received, with a report back from staff in Q1 2019

(Green/Merulla)

That the agenda for the September 17, 2018 Board of Health be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) July 12, 2018 (Item 3.1)

(Partridge/B. Johnson)

That the Minutes of the July 12, 2018 meeting of the Board of Health be received, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Shannon Brent, McMaster Medical School Students, respecting Supervised Consumption Sites (for today's meeting) (Added Item 4.1)

(VanderBeek/Whitehead)

That the delegation request from Shannon Brent, McMaster Medical School Students, respecting Supervised Consumption Sites, be approved, for today's meeting.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Board of Health Self-Evaluation Results (BOH18011(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

Councillors Pearson, B. Johnson and Green wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to the disposition of Item 5.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

(f) DELEGATION (Item 6)

(i) Shannon Brent, McMaster Medical School Students, respecting Supervised Consumption Sites (Added Item 6.1)

Shannon Brent, Donna Brace, and Felipe Fajardo, McMaster Medical School Students, addressed to the Board of Health respecting Safe Injection Sites, with the aid of PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record.

The motion respecting Supervised Consumption Sites was CARRIED on the following standing recorded vote:

Yes: Farr, Green, Merulla, Collins, Jackson, Whitehead, VanderBeek,
Eisenberger, Partridge, Pasuta, Ferguson, B. Johnson, Pearson
Total: 13
Absent: A. Johnson, Conley
Nays 0

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 6.

The presentation is available at www.hamilton.ca

(g) STAFF PRESENTATION (Item 7)

(i) A Public Health Strategy for Non-Medical Cannabis (BOH18031) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, addressed the Board with an overview of A Public Health Strategy for Non-Medical Cannabis (BOH18031), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record.

Dr. Richardson introduced Dr. James MacKillop, McMaster University who also addressed the Board with an overview of A Public Health Strategy for Non-Medical Cannabis (BOH18031).

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

The presentation is available at www.hamilton.ca

(h) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That, there being no further business, the Board of Health be adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk